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Sergeant earns \$9,965 for money-saving idea

By Tech. Sgt. Gene Lappe
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A craftsman of the 7th Component Maintenance Squadron received a cash award March 9 for submitting a recommendation that will save the Air Force more than \$65,000 a year.

Staff Sgt. David Berryman, 7th CMS electrical and environmental flight, submitted a suggestion through the Idea program to repair the landing lights on the B-1, earning \$9,965 for his efforts.

Before his suggestion was accepted, there wasn't a provision to repair the light, only to replace it.

"There wasn't any instruction to repair the landing light, but there was an instruction to repair the taxi light," said Sergeant Berryman. "Since the two lights are basically the same and use the same components, I felt there should be a way to fix the item and save the Air Force some money."

He researched and wrote the technical order to do the repair, and his procedures are now a part of an existing T.O. that has been approved Air Force-wide.

Sergeant Berryman started his research last summer and submitted his Idea suggestion in December.

"I was very surprised that my suggestion was approved," said Sergeant Berryman.

His award didn't go unnoticed by his co-workers. Sergeant Berryman said everyone has complimented him on a job well done and is asking him about the process he used to submit the idea because they want to do the

same thing.

He said this increased interest is great because everyone benefits from the improvements in one way or another.

Sergeant Berryman said his supervisor was very supportive and helped him with his research and with verifying his procedures.

"He did all the legwork and research and brought the text to me to review. Once I was sure that it was correct, I signed off on the suggestion," said Tech. Sgt. Jason Hummel. "He put in a lot of overtime to complete the process."

Sergeant Hummel said all of Sergeant Berryman's hard work on the suggestion didn't surprise him. "He goes the extra mile to get things done," he added.

Sergeant Hummel said one of the immediate benefits of the suggestion is that by repairing the light instead of replacing it, the item is immediately available. There is no need to order the part or cannibalize another aircraft while waiting for a part.

Sergeant Berryman said he also received a lot of help from Mr. Mike Pershing, Idea program manager, who ensured the paperwork was filled out properly.

"This is a great example of what the Idea program is for — recognizing people for cost savings or cost improvement," said Mr. Pershing. "It rewards people for finding a way to do their job more safely, quickly and efficiently."

Mr. Pershing's job is to evaluate and validate suggestions at base level and forward them to the next level, if required.

Mr. Pershing said most of the Idea suggestions and awards he sees are in the maintenance community, but the program is for

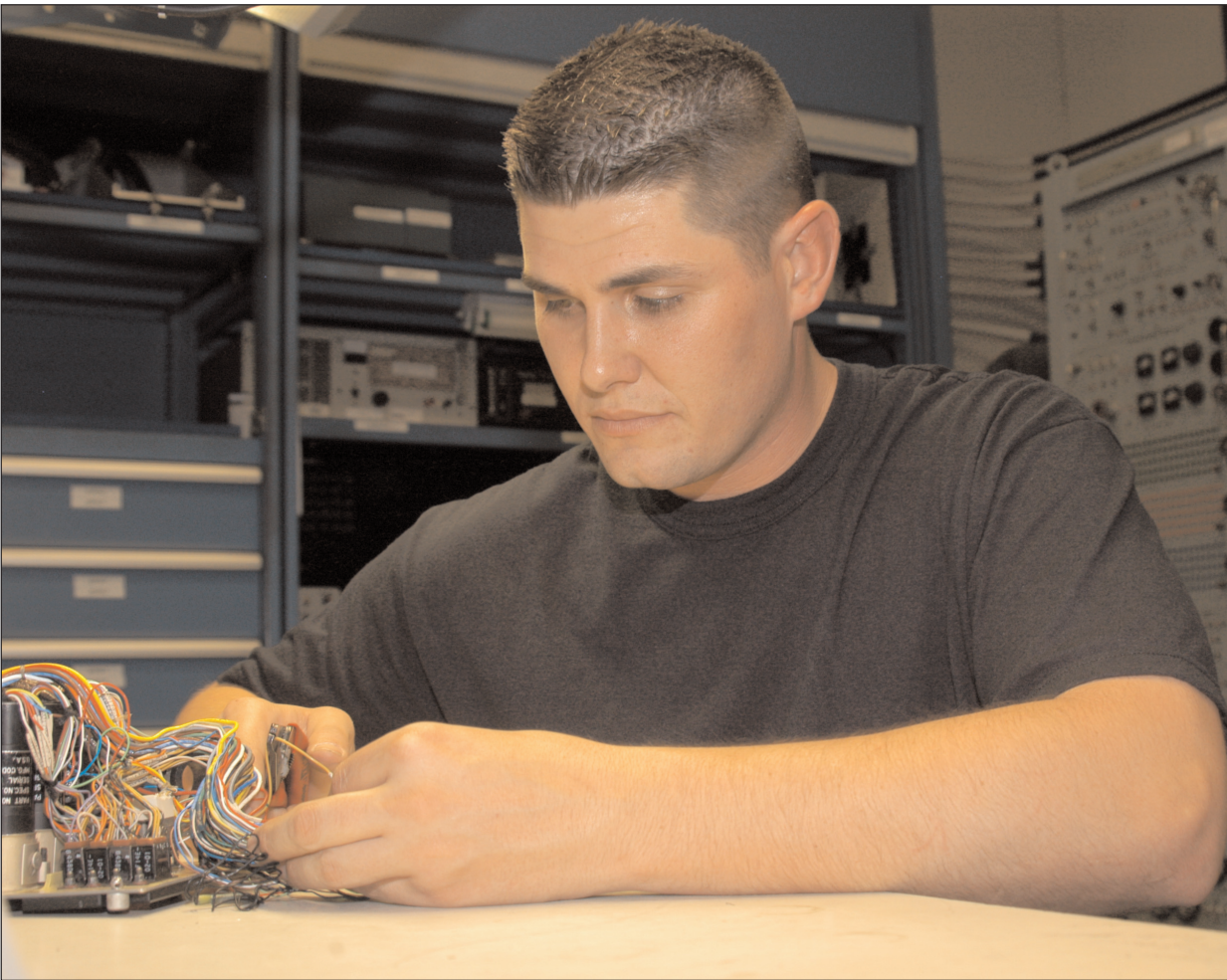


Photo by Capt. Paula Bissonette

Staff Sgt. David Berryman, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron, tinkers with electrical wires in his shop Wednesday. His job skills and imagination enabled him to come up with an idea that earned him \$9,965 March 9 after he submitted it to the base Idea program.

everyone. "If you see something that needs to be improved in your unit, suggest a change," he added.

There are three levels of suggestion approval: base, command and Air Force. Monetary awards are given for both intangible and tangible savings. The award for intangible savings is \$200, and awards for tangible savings is up to 15 percent of the first year's

savings, with a maximum of \$10,000 per suggestion.

One important requirement for a suggestion resulting from an approved AFTO Form 22, Technical Manual Change Recommendation and Reply, is that the Idea suggestion must be submitted within 30 days of notification of AFTO 22 approval.

Mr. Pershing said he hasn't

seen as many suggestions as he used to. "I would like to see more. I know there are more suggestions out there," he said.

When asked if all his hard work was worth it, Sergeant Berryman replied, "It was very time consuming, lots of off-duty time spent doing the homework, but it was definitely worth the effort."

Dyess selected as example base for Lean processes

By Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Dyess has been designated by the Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command vice commanders to be the 2006 Air Force Operational Command and Control Pathfinder unit.

That means Dyess is being asked by the Air Force to take a look at some processes in operational support and make suggestions, using outside help, to come up with better processes — ones that are quicker and more efficient, with fewer errors, and that can benefit the whole Air Force.

The focus of the program is to enhance command and control situational awareness, reduce Airmen's efforts, improve quality of life, and decrease cycle time.

"(In the Air Force), we're doing a lot of things that don't necessarily need to be done," said Lt. Col. Craig Campbell, 7th Bomb Wing plans and programs. "This is an approach we're taking to see where we can be more efficient and flexible — to work on the process we do."

He said Dyess — the 7th Bomb Wing and the 317th Airlift Group — was designated to be the next Pathfinder unit by Gen. William Hobbins, commander, U.S. Air Forces Europe and Air Component Commander, and director, Joint Air Power Competency Center; and Lt. Gen. Chris Kelly, AMC vice commander.

"Langley Air Force Base was the first Pathfinder unit," Colonel Campbell said. "Now, we're taking over for them."

He said the initial tasking was sent in November 2005; and now that the operational readiness inspection is over, Dyess is ready to take the Lean concept and run with it.

"Dyess would be a superb match because it has both combat Air Force and mobility Air Force units providing operational support command and control with a virtual composite Pathfinder unit," said Maj. Gen. Tommy Crawford, Air Force C2 intelligence, survival and reconnaissance center commander.

"We're at the very beginning of defining

the processes we want to look at," Colonel Campbell said. "We want to take a broad approach on things that would benefit Dyess not only as an ACC base, but also as an AMC tenant base. And we're not just talking about war-fighting operations; we're looking at the way we do awards and decorations, enlisted and officer performance reports, emergency management programs, recalls, Phase I lines, and many other things."

For example, he said, many EPRs are reviewed by up to 15 people — and that's a waste of time.

"As part of the Lean process, they've found

things)."

The new Lean implementation will affect the entire base, he said.

"Everyone will be involved on one level or another. Everyone's going to learn more about Lean ('How can I do things better?'), which will be accomplished through work within the squadrons and training initiatives. There are a lot of folks out there who know that there are better ways to do stuff. Lean allows these folks an opportunity to express themselves and say, 'Hey, this is taking too long; there's a better way to do this.'"

He said they plan to identify areas that

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Lt. Col. Craig Campbell
7th Bomb Wing plans and programs

you're more efficient and have fewer errors if you use fewer steps," Colonel Campbell said. "Humans have a tendency to make errors. When things bounce to and from multiple people, things sometimes get misconstrued."

They want to determine where they can pick what he called those "low-hanging fruits," he said. "Those processes we think we can make the most bang for our buck in the shortest amount of time."

To do so, he said, leadership will take what they call a "value stream analysis" to look at how to break a process down into its individual pieces and parts and find out all that needs to be done in order to achieve the end goal.

For instance, he said, "Take anything that has to do with operational support. Because that's such a large ball, you have to break it into individual pieces and parts — from how your survival and recovery center operates to how administration deals with EPRs and OPRs, recall functions, command post functions, and battle grams (among other

need improvement by going back to the value stream analysis — taking an area to concentrate on, getting experts together, talking about the processes, mapping out the process, and developing a stream of information.

"If something is no longer providing value, we'll cut it out," Colonel Campbell said.

That will be particularly useful five or six years from now, he said, when the Air Force has 40,000 fewer people.

"The whole idea behind Lean is not cutting people, but finding better means to utilize people in what they need to be doing rather than wasting their time."

It's not that the Air Force has a wasteful number of people, he said.

"It's that we have processes we have to identify as time-wasters. If I have five people doing a process, those are five people who may be spending time doing things that may not be benefiting the Air Force to the fullest extent. If I'm able to get the same product done with three people instead of five, those other two can be doing something else."

If it means there will be cuts in positions which the Air Force may benefit from, he said, then the Air Force will be doing "less with less" by being more efficient in what it does from day to day.

He said he plans to poll the entire base, from airman basics on up, for their input on ways to "cut the fat" from their everyday processes.

"There's no value for me to sit in a room with master sergeants, majors, and colonels without bringing in company grade officers, Airmen, and young noncommissioned officers who are actually doing the processes we're discussing," he said. "When we start asking, 'What do you really do to get this done?' what we find out is that there are a lot more steps people take than were first identified."

The first step in making changes, he said, is to identify the big picture: how this base operates when a tasking comes down or when there's an emergency on base or an Air Tasking Order in a deployed location.

"Often times in the past," he said, "When the base has done (analysis studies) on management styles, (leadership has) identified where they are, compared to where they want to be; but we didn't define the process or manner in which they planned to improve. What we want to try to do is understand the process we're in right now and find areas in which we can cut waste. We're helping identify for the rest of the Air Force those areas in which we can do less with less, and open up more time to do our actual jobs."

But it won't do any good if we do it on Dyess and don't let anyone else know, Colonel Campbell said, "So we'll brief to the commanders what we've done, with no-kidding empirical numbers. We're going to be an example by getting assistance from outside agencies (subject matter experts) to identify some of the low-hanging fruit — the processes we think we can make quick and efficient changes to and have an impact Air Force-wide."

If we can be more efficient, it will benefit us in the long run, he said.

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I urge all our warriors to take advantage of our programs so, together, we can honor and thank our children for the unique sacrifices they are making everyday for Team Dyess, the Air Force and our nation.



Col. Garrett Harenca
7th Bomb Wing commander

I report to my boss, I work for my people

Commentary by Maj. Theresa Humphrey
355th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander

I report to my boss, but I work for my people. Before you think, “I wouldn’t have said that if I were her,” hear me out.

This phrase is about taking care of people and being a selfless leader. When I walk through my door every morning, I’m not thinking about what I can do to impress my boss but what I can do to help my people.

Does it mean my boss doesn’t matter? Of course not! I am still responsible to him, I still answer to him and I still need to keep him informed. However, I don’t exert all of my energy on him. I save it for my people. I take care of them, they take care of me and I can take care of my boss.

So what does it mean when I say “I work for my people?” It means whenever I do anything, it is to help them out. When I review enlisted performance reports and officer performance reports, I put an equal amount of time and effort into all of them no matter what the ratee’s rank. When I review award packages, I make sure it is

the best submission possible and we are recognizing the right people.

When I discipline people, I make sure it is fair, equitable and appropriate. I set standards and expect my people to follow them. When people want to talk, I make time for them and listen to what they have to say. I speak my mind even if I don’t tell them what they want to hear.

I try to make things fun, even commander’s calls and staff meetings. I give people honest feedback, and I take theirs in return. I let them know what I expect, when they’ve done well, when they haven’t quite hit the mark, and what they need to do to improve. I let people do their jobs and trust them until they give me a reason not to.

Most importantly, I genuinely care about their well being and try to convey that in everything I do. The minute this seems phony, I lose credibility.

Now, about my boss. Don’t get me wrong: My boss is very important, and I don’t mean to belittle him in any way. After all, he signs my report; and if he really wanted to, he could make my life miserable. My point is I do not show up to work every day trying to impress him.

The energy I spend doing that takes away from the energy I could be spending helping my people succeed. If I take care of my people, they will get the job done; and the more professionally satisfied they are, the better they will perform. The better they perform, the better I am fulfilling my responsibilities to my boss.

They are taking care of me by enabling me to take care of my boss. If my boss notices, that’s great! If not, my reward is in knowing my people are taken care of, motivated to show up to work every day, and doing their best.

To me, all the recognition in the world is worthless if I am making my people miserable in the process.

Maybe it just boils down to priorities. I feel an effective leader thinks “people first,” not “me first.” Good leaders take care of their people because they know their people will take care of them. When their people take care of them, leaders can take care of their bosses. Good bosses will see this quality and, in turn, take care of the leader. Pretty neat how that all works out!

Selfless leadership has worked for me. Maybe it will work for you.

TEAM DYESS

FOD Fighter of the Week

Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Kirk Ritter

Staff Sergeant Ryan Williams, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crewchief, discovered a broken fan blade weight while performing a B-1 aircraft post flight engine inspection. His findings prevented possible domestic object damage from occurring.



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Weather flight impacts mission

By Senior Airman James Schenck
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Dyess weather flight is unlike its civilian counterpart in more ways than one. They must forecast weather at many elevations. They must tailor their forecasts to specific missions in the air and on the ground. But most of all their forecasts must be accurate because the mission depends on it.

It's no wonder then, that the Air Force takes the weather, and predicting it, so seriously.

"Weather is probably one of the most important factors in any military operation," said 1st Lt. Jimmy Odom, 7th Operations Support Squadron. "Weather has been proven throughout history as a deciding factor in winning wars — the Normandy invasion and the fall of Napoleon for example."

Since the early 20th century, weather has played an increasingly important role in warfare, mainly in terms of the new three-dimensional aerospace battlefield.

The flying mission of the Air Force as a whole can be seriously hampered or even brought to a halt as a result of the weather.

Therefore, weather flights are very valuable to commanders. The flight advises commanders about weather, actions that should be taken, and even recommends that operations be stopped in severe cases such as a tornado or large hail storm, said Lieutenant Odom.

Weather can even determine how flights are planned, said Capt. Carlos Serna, 317th Airlift Group scheduler. "Crews will use weather information to determine routes, equipment needed and what can be air dropped."

"Before every military operation, commanders get various briefings. The first to brief is weather because it doesn't matter how much other planning you do," said Captain Odom, "If the weather isn't working, nothing else matters."

It's important to know the weather forecast for day-to-day safety as well,



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Walkenhorst

Technical Sergeant Darrell Roberts, 7th Operations Support Squadron, briefs members of the 9th Bomb Squadron on the day's weather. A weather briefing is given every morning to the 28th and 9th Bomb Squadrons as well as other units that request it.

and severe weather season is right around the corner.

"Everybody should be aware of the weather in their local area," Lieutenant Odom said. "This information can be accessed through television, radio and the Internet, including the Dyess weather page," which can be accessed on government computers via <https://wwwmil.dyess.af.mil/7oss/osw/index.htm>.

Severe weather can happen day or night, said Lieutenant Odom. But it is most common between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. because of the sun setting and air cooling.

The weather flight focuses primarily on thunderstorms because they have the potential of creating many of the more dangerous weather elements such as tornados, large hail, lightning, damaging winds, and flooding.

"During the summer of 1988, soft-ball-size hail fell in the north side of Abilene," said Lieutenant Odom.

Because one of the weather flight's missions is to support the aircraft that fly out of this base, weather Airmen must be prepared to do their job in deployed locations.

The specific mission is the same, but the conditions differ significantly from those here at Dyess.

One of the more visible things the weather flight does at Dyess is provide weather alerts in the form of warnings, watches and advisories, to include sounding the three- to five-minute steady tone if there is a weather emergency.

Everything the weather flight does is designed to enhance mission capability and effectiveness in putting bombs on target, said Lieutenant Odom.

This fact is not lost on Captain Serna, "Having the weather shop here is an essential part of getting the mission accomplished."

Weather Tips

Courtesy of 7th Operation Support Squadron
Weather Flight

Tornados

- Move to a pre-designated shelter — a basement or a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside.
- Stay away from windows.
- Get out of automobiles.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car — leave it immediately for safe shelter.
- If caught outside, lie flat — a nearby ditch or depression is best and cover your head with your hands. This is a last resort.
- Be aware of flying debris; this causes most fatalities and injuries.
- Get out of mobile homes and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building or a storm shelter.

Thunderstorms

- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent.
- Do not take shelter in small sheds or under isolated trees.
- Stay away from tall objects — towers, fences, telephone poles and power lines are all conduits for lightning.
- Get inside a hard top automobile and keep the windows up and avoid touching any metal.
- Unplug appliances not necessary for obtaining weather information.
- Use phones only in an emergency.
- Do not take a bath or shower during a thunderstorm.
- Turn off air conditioners. Power surges can cause serious damage.

Watches and warnings

WEATHER WATCH – Atmospheric conditions are indicating strong potential for development of hazardous weather.

WEATHER WARNING – Hazardous weather phenomena is imminent or occurring in the local area.

JUMP!

Airmen of the 820th Security Forces Group and other sister-service members conduct nighttime jumps at Dyess

By Airman 1st Class
Carolyn Viss
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

While most people were enjoying a beautiful sunset with their feet firmly planted on the ground, a dozen men were waiting impatiently for the last glimmer of light to disappear from the horizon so they could jump from two C-130 Hercules aircraft – and it wasn’t because the planes were on fire.

Jump-qualified active-duty and Air National Guard Airmen and a few Marines were at Dyess March 27 - 30 practicing nighttime static line jumps for real-world combat operations.

The majority of jumpers are a part of the 820th Security Forces Group at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.; a few are members of the



Photo by Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss

fields. They are highly-trained Airmen who deploy with the “first-in force” to protect forward-operating locations.

“There are three squadrons within the 820th group,” Sergeant Schaaf said. “The 822nd, 823rd, and 824th. Our mission is to conduct sustained airborne training for simultaneous missions with sister service units, providing security to airfields (in deployed locations). We train to be unilaterally ready to attach to any unit at any time.”

Most of the people assigned to the 820th volunteered for the assignment.

“(Parachuting) is only one of our many capabilities,” Sergeant Schaaf said. “The first job of every person in the unit is to be a shooter. Our second jobs are our specialties.”

Hours before the drop, pilots, copilots, navigators, loadmasters, jumpmasters and the jumpers prepped and practiced, compared notes, and kept an eye on the winds, which threatened to interfere with the jump.

Aircrew boarded the birds early and prepared for a 7 p.m. take-off.

After the loadmasters conducted the procedural flight checks, the two ‘130s were off the ground and flying in formation.

Master Sgt. Mark Chasteen,

Left: Senior Master Sgt. Champ Johnson, 820th SFG logistics supplies, practices landing before his night jump.

“We fill the gap between Army and Air Force with hand-offs between forward-operating bases and landing strips to provide flightline damage security.”

Tech. Sgt. Paul Schaaf
820th Security Forces Group

290th Joint Communication Support Squadron ANG unit at MacDill AFB, Fla.; and Marines of the 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company at West Palm Beach, Fla., joined them as well.

They came to Dyess for training over an unfamiliar drop zone.

“It’s mutually beneficial for Dyess and us to work together,” said Tech. Sgt. Paul Schaaf, 820th SFG NCOIC of airborne operations. “The 40th Airlift Squadron has been inherently essential to our mission training, and we help them keep their training levels as high as possible as well.”

The 820th SFG, the first force protection unit of its kind in the Air Force, was activated at Lackland AFB, Texas, March 17, 1997. The multi-faceted, 700-person unit is composed of personnel from security forces, office of special investigations, civil engineering, logistics and supply, communications, intelligence, administration, personnel, and medical career

820th SFG, called, “Ten minutes!” and the group rose to their feet. They clipped onto the static line in unison, their knuckles clenched around the ropes that would hold them in the aircraft once the hatch was opened.

“Six minutes!”

Their watches had been syn-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss

Master Sgt. Mark Chasteen, 820th SFG, signals to the jumpers the amount of time they have left before ‘green light.’



Photo by Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss

A group of 820th SFG parachuters practices jump maneuvers before a nighttime static line personnel drop here March 30. The jumps were part of the group’s training for special operations in deployed locations.



Photo by Senior Airman Joshua Jasper

Above: A member of the 820th Security Forces Group lands on the drop zone at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., after jumping out of an HC-130 aircraft during a static line jump March 21.

chronized, accurate to the second. They exchanged last-minute high-fives and prepared to jump.

“One minute!”

The hatch opened. The sky was purple and the air was warm, the moon, only a sliver, barely visible as it competed with the lights on the ground below.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss

“Thirty seconds ... ten seconds ... three, two, one ...”

Green light!

The loadmasters cut the line to drop a 1,000-pound all-terrain vehicle first, and one second later the jumpers were flying out of the back door. Less than nine seconds was all it took.

Both drops were successful. All the jumpers made it safely to the ground without any injuries, and within an hour the team was back together, loading up to go home.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Wheeler, 7th Bomb Wing command chief, who was stationed at Moody as the chief of the 824th SFS before he came to Dyess, said the 820th supports non-combatant evacuation operations, insurgent acquisitions, weapons cache searches, and curfew enforcements.

“They fill the gap between Army and Air Force with hand-offs between forward-operating bases and landing strips to provide flightline damage security,” he said. “They basically go in with the Army, take the area from the enemy, set up, and then hand (security operations) off to the Air Force unit that comes in after us. They’re a very unique unit.”

“We do a lot of airborne training,” said Staff Sgt. Kevin Akers, 820th SFG parachute program manager. “It’s good for crews to conduct drops with live persons rather than sand bags.”

Sergeant Schaaf said his unit jumps between one and 10 times each month, depending on weather and other conditions. The robust training schedule ensures the jumpers are proficient and mission-ready.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss

Staff Sgt. Luke VanDonsel, 820th SFG, prepares to jump.

He said they also have military working dogs and graduates of the Army sniper school, and many of the members of the 820th are trained as Army Rangers and Pathfinders. Some have attended the Marine Corps ropemaster and

Air Force special operations tactics courses.

What they do is closely adapted from Army strategic operating procedures in combat zones, he said.

“This particular group is at Dyess this week to prepare to go to Fort

Bragg, N.C., to participate in a Joint Force exercise,” Sergeant Schaaf said.

Chief Wheeler was excited to have the group here. He reconnected with Sergeant Akers, who used to work for him, and spoke highly of the 820th SFG.

“They have the best security forces squadrons in the Air Force because of their ability to train,” the chief said. “They’re also a great bunch of folks. They’re the kind of people the rest of the Air Force should emulate.”

“It’s one of the Air Force’s ‘total team’ units,” Chief Wheeler said. “If they had this unit when I was an Airman, I would have stayed there forever.”





Photo by Senior Airman Aaron Walker


TEAM DYESS
Warrior of the Week

Tech. Sgt. Kurt Tull

Unit: 7th Medical Operations Squadron
Job title: Pediatric clinic noncommissioned officer in charge
Job description: Provides medical and administrative support to the Pediatric Element teams consisting of more than 3,000 beneficiaries
Time in the Air Force: 12 years
Time at Dyess: Three years
Marital status: Wife, Andrea; children, Ashley, 17; Taylor, 14; Tyler, 13; and Noah, 7
Hometown: San Bernardino, Calif.
Most rewarding job aspect: Treating patients and helping people
Career goals: To get my nursing degree
What you like most about Dyess: The weather
What you like most about the Air Force: The people
Best Air Force memory: Meeting and shaking the hand of President George W. Bush


(Editor's note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit commanders, first sergeants or supervisors.)

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OSC dinner and bingo

All Officers’ Spouses’ Club members in good standing are invited to an evening of dinner and bingo April 20 starting at 6:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. There will be prizes for bingo and the board leadership will listen to what members want to do next year.

Register by April 17 with Carol Fann at 692-2632 or Jennifer Flatt at 692-9845.

Participants who bring five non-perishable food items for the Dyess food pantry will receive an extra bingo card.

For more information, call Debbie Chapdelaine at 692-1921.

Erroneous MGIB withdrawals

An error occurred in the military pay system that caused Montgomery GI Bill deductions to be taken from approximately 14,000 Air Force personnel, mostly officers.

The deduction will be visible on service-members’ leave and earning statements. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is working to reverse the deduction. They expect the refunds to appear in affected servicemembers’ April mid-month pay.

Financial service offices have been instructed not to open case management files for this issue.

Updated information will be provided when it becomes available.

Family deployment briefing

A 7th Bomb Wing family member deployment briefing is scheduled for April 17 and 19 at 6 p.m. at the base theater. Speakers from base organizations including family advocacy, the chapel, base legal office, TRICARE, and the family support center will deliver briefings.

Comedy show

A free comedy show is scheduled for Thursday at The Heritage Club.

At 6:30 p.m., prior to the show, cocktails and appetizers will be for sale.

The group “Four Day Weekend,” from Ft. Worth, Texas, is scheduled to perform at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale for \$5 and are available from 56 Club representatives or first sergeants.

For more information, call Staff. Sgt. Melida Sierra at 696-4226.

Job fair

A job fair is scheduled for April 20 at 6 p.m. at the base family support center, 382 Ave. D.

Zoltek, a carbon fiber manufacturer based in Abilene, will discuss employment opportunities including quality control management, operations management, process operations, maintenance technicians, maintenance helpers, purchasing, packaging, shipping and receiving, inventory control and warehouse manager, forklift operators, plant management, and more.

For more information or to register for the event, call Sylvia Shurgot at 696- 5999.

Air Force cookbook

A new cookbook is in the works, and the author wants recipes. The book, *Best of the Best from Air Force Families Cookbook*, will feature more than 350 recipes from anyone who is or was in the Air Force and their families.

Recipes may be submitted to Karen Tosten, 122 Hedgerow Lane, Yorktown, VA, 23693; e-mailed to ktosten@cox.net, or faxed to (757) 867-8916.

Submitters are asked to provide their name, city, state, relationship to the Air Force, and phone number or e-mail address.

The deadline for submission is May 31.

For more information, call Ms. Tosten at (757) 867-8916.

This is a Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs National Media-approved project.

Family child care

The family child care office is looking for providers. Training is free, and providers have access to an extensive lending program and U. S. Department of Agriculture food program.

Providers are also eligible for tax deductions.

For more information, call Michelle Beaulieu at 696-2839.

Legal office walk-in hours

The Dyess Legal Office walk-in hours are 9 to 10 a.m. every Friday; however, individuals may still schedule appointments.

For more information, call Capt. Nick McCue at 696-2232.

Military marriage seminar

A two-day military marriage seminar is scheduled to begin May 5 at 5:30 p.m. and will continue May 6 at 8:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club.

The cost is \$30 per couple, and participants must register with the chapel by calling 696-4224.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Walkenhorst

Big break job

Staff Sergeant Timothy Covey, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron hydraulic shop, lowers B-1 brake components into a box for shipping. During a nine-day period, the nine-person hydraulic shop totally overhauled, tested and painted 20 B-1 and C-130 brakes and a B-1 auxiliary power accumulator, totaling more that \$1 million. The 7 CMS hydraulic section is one of only four shops on base that provides hydraulic maintenance for both Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command.

Snacks, breakfast, lunch and child care will be available at no charge. Parents needing child care must register with the chapel by May 2.

For more information, call Chaplain Matthew Incorvaia at 696-1471 or Chaplain Cody Broussard at 696-4019.

Community assessment

The Air Force is currently administering the 2006 Community Assessment Survey and will continue through April 2006 to gather servicemembers’ thoughts and perceptions of living and working within the Dyess community.

Survey results will be used by Air Force leadership to improve services to better meet the needs of servicemembers and their families at Dyess.

The survey is completely anonymous. For more information, call Maj. Eileen Loflin at 696-5924.

Lawn waste removal

Dyess’ recycling contractor, Osirus, is scheduled to provide curbside pickup of organic material (tree limbs smaller than five inches, leaves, and grass) from family housing April 18 and 25. Material must be at the curb no later than 8 a.m.

Leaves and grass must be bagged in biodegradable bags, which may be picked up from the base housing maintenance contractor, Centurion, located at 233 Texas

Ave. These bags are not available from the base self-help store.

Branches must be bundled, and may not exceed five feet in length and may not weigh more than 70 pounds.

Branches larger than five inches must be called in to Air Properties Maintenance for pickup at 690-9686.

For more information, call 696-6452.

Kindergarten registration

Dyess Elementary is scheduled to register students for kindergarten on April 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Eligible students must be at least five years old before Sept. 1 and live on Dyess, in the Quail Hollow development, or in the Hampton Hills residential area.

Parents should bring their child’s birth certificate, immunization records, social security card, and proof of residency.

For more information, call Ms. Norma Benavides at 690-3795

Watch for myPay copy-cat

The Air Force is asking personnel to be aware of myPay look-alike Web sites. Several sites have popped up with “myPay” in their web addresses.

These sites are not affiliated with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service but request personal information that, if provided, could be detrimental to the member. The only official myPay website is https://myPay.DFAS.mil.

Thrift shop

The Dyess Thrift Shop is open to all Dyess personnel and their families. Store hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Consignments are accepted on open days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The thrift shop is located at 382 4th Ave.

For more information, call the thrift shop at 696-8203.


AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association is scheduled to meet April 18 at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 6873 located at 1049 Veterans Dr.

All meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Rick Butler at 696-1793.

Dyess Chapel



Nursery and children’s church are available at all services. For information on Jewish services, call Maj. Matt Paskin at 696-1530. For information about other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.

Catholic worship schedule:

Saturday:	Reconciliation — 4 p.m. Mass — 5 p.m.
Sunday:	Mass — 9 a.m. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine — 11 a.m. Mass — 11:30 a.m.

Protestant worship schedule:

Sunday:	Sunday school — 9:45 a.m. Traditional worship service — 11 a.m. Gospel service — 12:30 p.m.
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Jewish services:

A Jewish passover service is scheduled for Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Briarstone Manor Banquet Center, 101 Eplens Ct.

The BIG Screen



The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card and may sponsor guests.

Admission for adults is \$3, children six-12 years old will be charged \$1.50, and children ages five and younger will be admitted free. Admission for G-rated movies is \$1.50 for children between the ages 2-12. For more information, call the base theater at 696-4320.

<p>Today at 7 p.m.</p> <p>Freedomland</p> <p><i>Julianne Moore, Samuel L. Jackson</i></p> <p>A white woman blames an African-American man for the death of her son, but a white reporter and an African- American detective think otherwise. Rated R (language, violent content), 113 min.</p>	<p>Saturday, Sunday at 2 p.m.</p> <p>Eight Below</p> <p><i>Paul Walker, Jason Briggs</i></p> <p>Inspired by a true story, Eight below is an action-adventure about loyalty and the bonds of friendship set in the extreme wilderness of Antarctica. The film tells the story of three members of a scientific expedition: Jerry Shepard, his best friend, Cooper, and a rugged American geologist, who are forced to leave behind their team of beloved sled dogs due to a sudden accident and perilous weather conditions in Antarctica. Rated PG (peril, language), 120 min.</p>	<p>Saturday at 7 p.m.</p> <p>Date Movie</p> <p><i>Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell</i></p> <p>The story of hopeless romantic Julia Jones, who has finally met the man of her dreams, the very British Grant Fonckyerdoder. But before they can have their Big Fat Greek Wedding, they’ll have to Meet the Parents, hook-up with The Wedding Planner, and contend with Grant’s friend Andy — a spectacularly beautiful woman who wants to put an end to her Best Friend’s Wedding. Rated PG-13 (crude/sexual humor, language), 83 min.</p>
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ACC takes combat search, rescue assets under wing

Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — Air Combat Command took administrative control of select Air Force combat search and rescue assets from Air Force Special Operations Command Monday as part of a realignment announced in February.

The transfer ensures the Air Force core competency of combat search and rescue, or CSAR, is directly linked to the combat air forces and the personnel they support. This consolidates the management of limited Air Force resources and provides a clearer presentation of force in theater. Under ACC, CSAR assets can be mobilized faster during a national crisis, integrated into combat training and tasked to support all air and space expeditionary force rotations, ACC officials said.

Moving the CSAR mission under ACC will be completely transparent to the warfighter. They will continue, as before, to gain CSAR capability from the owning major command.

The transfer will affect most active-duty operational HC-130s, HH-60 Pave Hawks and most combat rescue officers and pararescuemen, as well as the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Units transferred from AFSOC to ACC will not relocate.

In addition, Air Force Reserve and

Air National Guard units will remain administratively controlled by Air Force Reserve Command and their respective states, but will be gained by ACC or Pacific Air Forces when fully mobilized.

Active-duty units affected by the transfer are the 347th Rescue Wing at Moody AFB, Ga., and all subordinate units; the 563rd Rescue Group at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and all subordinate units; the HH-60G Combined Test Force at Nellis AFB, Nev.; and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Va.

Air Force Reserve Command units affected are the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick AFB, Fla., and the 943rd Rescue Group at Davis-Monthan, Ariz., and its subordinate squadron, the 304th Rescue Squadron at Portland International Airport, Ore.

Affected Air National Guard units are the 106th Rescue Wing at Gabreski Field, N.Y., and the 129th RQW at Moffett Field, Calif.

CSAR assets and personnel assigned to PACAF and U.S. Air Forces Europe will not be affected by the transfer.

Further actions associated with the transfer, including a routine site visit and funding actions, will occur over the next few months. ACC, with assistance from AFSOC, will complete the programmatic actions associated with the transfer by October.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Pararescuemen from the 306th and 48th Rescue Squadrons fast-rope from an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter to retrieve “wounded hostages” during a combined training exercise at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. Air Combat Command took administrative control of select Air Force combat search and rescue assets from Air Force Special Operations Command Monday as part of a realignment announced in February.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Angela Clemens

Hiker finds F-16 rack

Airmen with the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal unit and the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., hike up the White Tank Mountains March 23. The group went to the site of an F-16 Fighting Falcon triple ejector rack to ensure it didn't contain unexploded cartridges. The rack was released from a 61st Fighter Squadron F-16 during an in-flight emergency Aug. 11, 2003. A local resident found the item while hiking and led the Air Force team to the site.

Transformation to new Personnel Service Delivery System begins

By Tech. Sgt. Ryan Mattox
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — The Air Force Contact Center's Web-based services and contact center officially began taking calls after a ceremony at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

The center is part of a new initiative called Personnel Services Delivery Transformation, or PSD, which uses technology to place the capability for conducting routine personnel transactions into the hands of Airmen via Web-based services and contact centers.

“PSD is the road from good personnel service delivery to great personnel service delivery,” said Roger M. Blanchard, assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. “The call center is here to execute that vision. We are on the cutting edge of delivering services to the Air Force community. That’s the road we are on today.”

The center’s opening is just the beginning of many changes Airmen will see in the way they handle tasks concerning their careers — tasks they normally had to visit their military personnel flight, or MPF, to complete.

The idea behind this transformation is to provide a convenient and secure way from any telephone or Internet-ready computer, allowing Airmen to avoid waiting in lines, save time and fit their personnel business into their own schedule.

The goal is to move 85 percent of MPF actions online. Once the transformation begins, however, it doesn’t mean Airmen still



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo Jr.

Left to right: Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, Air Force Personnel Center commander; Roger Blanchard, deputy A1; and Col. Michael Malone, AFPC director of personnel, cut the ribbon to symbolize the operational beginning of the new Personnel Service Delivery System at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, March 31.

can’t get personal customer service. “This is a centralized effort and centralization is the beauty of this. We are relieving the pressure from those in the field,” said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, AFPC commander. “We are simplifying the process. Now Airmen can make a 90-second transaction at their convenience, instead of what normally might have taken a couple of hours by going to the MPF.”

Several processes like retraining and retirements, currently worked through base-

level military personnel flights, will be self-initiated via the Web, and centrally managed and processed at the center.

The transformation is a four-phase program that will continue through 2011. The first phase begins with transferring active-duty personnel actions and will then be further broken up into seven segments called spirals.

Airmen will be able to access the Web-based services through the virtual MPF.

DoD celebrates Month of Military Child

By Steven Donald Smith
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Defense Department has long understood the value of caring for and celebrating children of servicemembers.

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. The Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

Military children face many obstacles unique to their situation, such as having a parent deployed for extended periods of time and frequently being uprooted from school.

“Military children endure a great deal of change as a result of a parents’ military career,” said Douglas Ide, a public affairs officer with the Army’s Community and Family Support Center. “The military family averages nine moves through a 20-year career. And in doing so, their children must say goodbye to friends, change schools, and start all over again.”

Throughout the month, numerous military commands will plan special events to honor military children. These events will stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle, defense personnel and readiness officials said.

“Installations are honoring military children by providing the month packed with special activities that include arts and crafts shows, picnics, carnivals, fairs, parades, block parties and other special activities, focusing on military children that highlight the unique contributions they make,” according to a Defense Department fact sheet.

The Defense Department will also launch a new toolkit series called “Military Students on the Move.” The toolkit includes material designed to promote more efficient and effective methods of moving military children from school to school. The toolkit includes material for parents, children, installation commanders and school officials, Defense Department officials said.

In addition, the U.S. Air Force recently launched its “Stay Connected” deployment program kits in conjunction with the Month of the Military Child. The kits include items like teddy bears, writing pens and disposable cameras.

“The purpose of the Stay Connected kit is to provide young people and parents an avenue to keep a connection during the deployed members’ time away from home,” said Eliza Nesmith, an Air Force family member programs specialist “The items in the kit come in pairs, so that the young person and parent can have an item that will help them remember each other.”

Air Force bases will choose the best distribution method to correspond with an existing event or develop a new event to best serve their families. For example, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., will give out Stay Connected kits to deploying servicemembers during its basewide Month of the Military Child celebration, planned for tomorrow, Ms. Nesmith said.

Throughout the month of April, the U.S. Navy child and youth programs will also be hosting special programs and events to salute military children. These events will include, carnivals, health screening for children, youth talent shows, and more, Navy officials said.

“Events that celebrate the Month of the Military Child stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle,” said Larrie Jarvis, a Navy child and youth programs analyst.

Army bases will plan their own events such as fun runs, bicycle safety courses, carnivals, fishing derbies, community service projects and other events geared specifically toward children and youth, Army officials said.

The Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who died March 28. He established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986.

Eagle night watch



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ben Bloker

New York City glows under the wing of Maj. Michael Stetina's F-15 Eagle during a combat air patrol mission in support of Operation Nobel Eagle. Major Stetina is attached to Langley Air Force Base, Virginia's 71st Fighter Wing, currently supporting North Eastern combat air patrol missions.

Around the DoD

U.S. Forces from all branches of service continue to support the Global War on Terrorism in many locations and operations throughout the world. In addition to Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, personnel stateside continue to support the war on terrorism through combat air patrol missions under Operation Noble Eagle.

Winning hearts and minds



Marine Corps photo by Cpl Brian Hennerly

Private First Class Danial Taylor, from Athens, Ala., with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry, hands out candy to local Iraqi children during a patrol through the city of Hit, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry is deployed with 1st MEF in support of OIF in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq to develop the Iraqi Security Forces, facilitate the development of official rule of law through democratic government reforms, and continue the development of a market based economy centered on Iraqi resurrection.



U.S. Coast Guard photo by PA1 Sara Francis

Port security

Petty Officer Brady Osborne stands guard over the Cape Orlando at the Port of Anchorage. Petty Officer Osborne was part of a Coast Guard team tasked with providing security for the vessel while in port. The Military Sealift Command runs the 635-foot roll-on/roll-off ship.

Reaching out



Marine Corps photo by Lance Corporal James Vooris

Captain Eddie Correa, company commander for K Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team - 5, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, speaks to a sheik from the local area while on a security patrol in the area near Abu Ghraib, Iraq.



U.S. Navy photo by Journalist 1st Class James Pinsky

Prowler maintenance

A Navy ground crewman services an EA-6B Prowler on the flightline at Bagram Air Field, Iraq. The crew and aircraft are assigned to the "Wizards" of Electronic Attack Squadron One-Three-Three, homeported, at the Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island,